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SUBJ:HOME/PANCHAYAT MINISTERIES MERGED

1. HMG MARCH 12 ANNOUNCED GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE BY WHICH MINISTRIES OF HOME AND PNCHAYAT HAVE BEEN MERGED INTO ONE MINISTRY. ALTHOUGH THIS WILL NOT INVOLVE CHANGE AT HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE MINISTER BHOJ RAJ GHIMERE HELD BOTH PORTFOLIOS, SECRETARY IN FORMER PANCHAYAT MINISTRY HAS BEEN SHIFTED TO JOB IN ADMINISTRATIVE OSNAGEMENT DEPARTMENT.

2. COMMENT: CHANGE REFLECTS DECREASING IMPORTANCE OF PANCHAYAT MINISTRY IN WAKE OF SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. DECISION MAKING POWER HAS, INCREASINGLY, BEEN TAKEN OVER BY BACK TO VILLAGE CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL NOW PRESUMABLY GAIN IN STATURE AS ITS GOVERNMENT COUNTER-PART IS DIMINISHED. EAVES

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